

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100—50—20 YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

THE LOAN.

We have heard that of the loan recently advertised, proposals for a considerable portion have been accepted at \$6 for 100 and that there is no doubt but that the whole will be taken at that rate, or on terms even more advantageous to the United States.

The Secretary of the Treasury deserves the thanks of his country for having the views of the Eastern brokers, who depreciated the value of Treasury Notes and embarrassed the circulation in order to make a profit by the purchase of them.

The stock of the United States and Treasury Notes, now rapidly advancing in the market, will soon command respect as par.

MILITARY FRAUD PUNISHED

D. C. Williams, an assistant deputy quartermaster in the U. S. service, was lately convicted at New Orleans, of fraudulently obtaining military supplies, at a discount, and sentenced to pay to the commanding general of the district, \$800, to be refunded to the United States from whom it was illegally obtained, and to be dismissed from the service. Williams was approved of the court into confinement and his sentence was commuted.

—Columbian.

UNDESIRABLE APPOINTMENTS

The President of the United States has recently made the following appointments: Col. Thomas (Lynch) Conn. Jacob Lewis, to be consul at Manila; and Thomas D. Anderson, to be consul at Tunis.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

A SUBSIDY.

Between Hubbard Brook and the main Adams, on Main St. (just above High), is a vacant lot, part of which is under water. The owner of it has occasional spasmodic attacks of "fitting in," when a lot of oyster shells are added to the lot. Not long since he had some down roads dumped close against the pavement where they have since remained in two large heaps. The smell proceeding from them during the warm days of last week was very offensive, and will be more so as the summer advances. The attention of the board of health is directed to this matter.

INFORMATION WANTED.

A German, named Anton Deckerley, about 48 years of age, left his work at the Spring Park Company's Works in John street, on the 24th of April, since which time nothing has been heard of him. He is subject to attacks of insanity, and may have wandered away from this section. A description of him appears elsewhere in our paper to-day. Newspapers in the State are requested to mention the facts.

THE MISSISSIPPI DISASTER.

For the benefit of families in this city who expect soldier friends by way of the Mississippi river, and who have suffered great alarm since the news of the terrible steamboat disaster near Memphis, we would repeat the statement that is published in the dispatches of today, to wit: That no boats belonging to States east of the Ohio were lost. All Eastern troops will be sent to Annapolis by sea.

BEACH & SARKIS have fitted up their store on Main street, (Exchange Place), in superb style. Their windows are magnificent. No establishment in New York surpasses them.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

BUCK HORN SMOKE.

The Buck Horn club will give a smoker to-night to formally open the new club rooms at Crescent avenue and William street. President Frank Mead and the house committee will welcome the friends of the club.

There was a progressive whist party Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. E. B. Miller in the East End. Miss Helen Crocker being associate hostess. C. A. Stokes was the first prize, a pearl handled knife, and J. R. Booth, the second, a book on whist. The booby prize went to Lieut. Geo. Shelton.

ANNIE YEAMAN'S COMING.

To-morrow evening, Mr. Mart Hamley will bring his famous Edward Hamman Co. The place to be presented is "The Major," a vaudeville true to the Harlan school. The company includes: Edward Harlan, John Wild, Joseph Sparks, Harry Fisher, Charles McCarthy, Harry Wright, George Merritt, Dan Burke, Dave Graham, Charles Coffey, Hattie Moore, Emma Pollock, Lillian Stewart and also featuring Mrs. Annie Yeaman in her favorite song, "The Mulligan Guard."

CARNIVAL'S MILITARY NIGHT.

Last night was "Military Night" at the big carnival and the Army was crowded to suffocation. The out of town officers present were Paymaster Lowe and Lieutenant Wood of New Haven; Captain Judson and Lieutenant Humphries of Danbury and Major Henry and Lieutenant Weed of Stamford.

Local military men in uniform present were General William E. Dibrow, General T. L. Watson, Colonel Tracy B. Warren, Colonel W. E. Stevenson and Lieutenant F. J. Breckbill.

CANES SUPPLANT CLUBS.

Under a new order by the police commissioners, the day officers will hereafter carry canes instead of clubs. White gloves are also required.

SUPR. BIRMINGHAM'S SUGGESTIONS.

Superintendent Birmingham will appear before the police board to-morrow night and offer a number of suggestions.

He will recommend that an officer be stationed permanently during the day time at Main street and Fairfield avenue and that the same protection be afforded on Monday and Saturday nights.

He will also suggest the advisability of having two detectives, one for day and one for night duty.

LIQUOR LICENSES GRANTED.

The county commissioners have issued the following saloon licenses to date:

Jacob Hoffman, 128 Crescent avenue; M. E. Albee, 407 Water street; Albert Borg, 86 Bank street; M. A. Kenny, 440 Stratford avenue; John Gallagher, 181 Water street; D. C. Bibeau, 59 Bank street; Morris S. King, 95 Middle street; Albert Schaft, 86 East Washington avenue; James Brophy, 202 Newfield avenue; and James Healey, 402 Pembroke street.

Lenora Alexander, who received a life sentence about 17 years ago for helping to chloroform to death "Stuttering Jack" in this city, has given notice of an application to the board of pardons for relief. She has made a similar application every year since her imprisonment.

Mrs. Jane Cook, one of the oldest of the city's Irish Catholic residents, died this morning at the home of her son-in-law, Patrick Seery, at 96 Linn avenue. One daughter, Mrs. Patrick Seery, and one son, John Cook, survive her.

CAPT. JAMES M. MCGILL, DEAD.

CIVIL WAR HERO, DEAD.

Washington, May 2.—Captain James Demarys McGill, aged 91, former commander of the famous Knapp Battery, officially known as Battery E, Pennsylvania Light Artillery, during the Civil War, died at his home in San Ayon, yesterday. Captain McGill while a member of the battery, took part in many famous engagements, including the battles of Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, Antietam and Chancellorsville, and also participated in the campaign with Sherman.

WHERE STRAWBERRIES COME FROM

Washington, May 3.—A recent survey of the production and marketing of strawberries in the United States, made by the Department of Agriculture, indicates that the eight most important commercial strawberry districts are in the Central California section, Maryland, Delaware, Southern Louisiana, North and South Carolina, Virginia and the Ozarks. In 1914, 1,906 carloads of strawberries were shipped from Central California. Lesser quantities were shipped from the other districts which are named in the order of their importance. From the Ozarks came 748 carloads last year.

The authors of the survey point out, however, that the north plays a more important part in the strawberry industry than these figures might indicate. Great quantities of berries are grown in the north in small patches and shipped to market by trolley, express, or in the producer's own wagon. Only a very small portion of northern-grown berries are concentrated into carload lots, the basis for the government survey. In the south, however, and on the Pacific Coast, where berries are shipped long distances it is economical to arrange to have them sent by carloads.

The bulletin mentioned contains a list of all shipping stations in the United States where carloads of strawberries originate, together with the number of carloads sent out in 1914. From this list it appears that there was a grand total of 14,552.3 carloads of strawberries shipped commercially in 1914. Of these 2,312 came from California, the state's closest competitor, Tennessee with a total of 1,571.5.

Another chart in the bulletin shows the duration of the shipping seasons in the various sections. Strawberry season begins to leave Central Florida in early December and the movement continues until the end of March. By the first of March the first strawberries from Southern Texas and Southern California find their way to the market. About the middle of March the Louisiana crop begins to move, continuing about two months or until the middle of May. May is, indeed, the great month for carload shipments. By far, the greatest part of the Tennessee and Virginia crop is shipped at that time, as well as much of the Delaware, Southern Illinois, and Maryland supply. By the end of June, Southern California is almost the only area from which carload shipments are being made. The strawberries then on the market are chiefly grown in small quantities in areas close to the great consuming sections. In connection with this work the Department of Agriculture is conducting a telegraphic market news service of the daily movement of strawberries to the various large markets during the current season together with the prices received. Reports of these movements and prices are telegraphed daily to producing areas and consuming centers in order to assist in the profitable distribution of the crop.

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT WILL REOPEN MAY 12.

Rome, May 3.—The government has decided, unless there are unforeseen happenings, not to change the plans for reopening parliament on May 12, the date originally fixed.

Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia received Dr. Richard P. Strong, head of the American Sanitation Commission in Serbia, and expressed thanks for the assistance given to the Serbian people by the United States.

BRAINS

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AMERICAN VESSEL HIT BY SUBMARINE; THREE LIVES LOST

London, May 3.—The American oil tank steamer Gulfight, bound from Port Arthur, Tex., to Rouen, France, was torpedoed by a German submarine at noon on Saturday of the Sicily Islands, and was towed, in a sinking condition, into Crow Sound, where she was beached.

Capt. Alfred Gunther died of heart failure as a result of the shock and two members of the crew were drowned, having jumped overboard in an attempt to swim ashore. This information is contained in a despatch to the Central News Agency.

One British and two German torpedo craft were sunk in the North Sea, according to an Admiralty announcement, while the steam trawler Columbia, the French steamer Europe and the British steamer Tiberius also were sunk by German submarines, the last two of the Sicily Isles, and the steam trawler Barbadoes was damaged by an attack of a submarine.

Gulfight's Captain Formerly in Command of Forfeited Oklahoma.

The Gulfight is a steel steamer of 3,802 tons, built at Camden, N. J., in 1914. She is owned by the Gulf Refining Company. Capt. Gunther was formerly in command of the oil tank steamer Oklahoma of the same company, which broke in two in a gale on Jan. 3, 1914, drowning a score of her crew.

The Gulfight was built to replace the Oklahoma in the company's fleet. Capt. Gunther was married and lived at No. 162 West Fifth Street, Bayonne, N. J.

NEW YORK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXEMPLIFY THIRD DEGREE HERE

Seventy-five candidates received the third degree of the Knights of Columbus before a gathering of members of the local chapter which filled Eagle hall yesterday afternoon. It is estimated that 1,000 Knights attended the ceremony, including a number of visitors from New York chapter and from counties in other cities of the state. The degree work was exemplified in full form by the degree team of New York chapter, considered to be one of the best of the many fine degree teams of the order. The principles and objects of the order were set forth in a dignified manner and with such attention to detail that all who witnessed the ceremony were greatly impressed. The ceremony began at 3 o'clock and lasted until 6 o'clock.

At the conclusion of the work there were brief addresses by District Deputy William F. Hickey of New York who was in charge of the New York chapter degree team, State Deputy William Mulligan of Thompsonville and District Deputy Patrick McGee of this city and other officers.

Luncheon for the visiting officers and degree team and the officers of the Bridgeport chapter was served at the Stratford hotel at 3:30 after the initiation ceremony. Covers were laid for 100. District Deputy McGee was toastmaster and when coffee and cigars were served there were a number of informal speeches on topics of interest to members of the order.

The committee who arranged the ceremony were Grand Knights James Beck, Thomas McMullen, Richard Kelly and Joseph Morris.

BISHOP CONFIRMS FIVE DEAF MUTES

Of seven persons confirmed in St. John's Episcopal church by Bishop Chauncey B. Brewster yesterday afternoon, five were deaf-mutes. Following the confirmation Bishop Brewster gave an interesting address which was interpreted to the deaf-mutes by Rev. John Chamberlain of New York City. A congregation that completely filled the church witnessed the ceremony.

Rev. Mr. Chamberlain baptized Muriel E. Four months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Morris of this city. The sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Frellek of Hartford. Rev. George Henson of Hartford baptized Jennie D., six months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stevenson of Saybrook. Miss Jennie Wallin of Bridgeport and Alfred Stevenson of New Haven sang during the service.

PARISHIONERS GIVE PURSE TO DR. BEARD

In recognition of his services as pastor during the last 10 years, members of Park Street Congregational church yesterday presented Dr. Gerald H. Beard with a purse of \$110 in gold. The presentation took place after the evening service in observance of the completion of a decade of service as pastor. Dr. Beard held a reception in the conference room of the church after the services. John S. Wood made the presentation and the Rev. Dr. Beard expressed his appreciation of the gift and afterward received the congratulations of his parishioners. Music and refreshments were served.

Andrew Osborne, aged 64, of Congress, N. Y., was killed near there when a big boulder, loosened by a dynamite blast, rolled down a mountain and struck him.

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WITHOUT FOOD OR COAL ABOARD, BRITISH SHIP IS TAKEN FROM MEXICANS BY CRUISER DENVER

San Diego, Cal., May 3.—With the British ship Cetriana's captain and other officers under detention, the vessel's cargo would have been confiscated by military authorities at Ensenada, Mexico, had it not been for the defiance of the ship's first officer, J. A. Seaberg, of this city, and the intervention of the United States cruiser Denver, according to Seaberg's story told here today, of the Cetriana's escape.

The vessel was towed into San Diego harbor yesterday. Her bunkers were bare of coal and with neither food nor water aboard.

The Cetriana sailed from Mazatlan for San Diego April 14, despite the fact that Mazatlan customs officials had refused the steamer clearance papers.

When the vessel arrived at Ensenada, Captain Kerr, according to Seaberg, was taken ashore by Mexican

soldiers, placed in detention and requested to sign a statement turning over the Cetriana's cargo to the authorities. Captain Kerr refused, Seaberg says, and a second squad of Mexican soldiers came aboard and took the ship's radio operator and purser ashore. After this, according to Seaberg, a Mexican colonel boarded the Cetriana and stated that he had received orders from the military commander of lower California to unload the Cetriana's cargo.

Before the Mexican officer could return with more soldiers, the cruiser Denver, with more soldiers, the cruiser Denver, after learning of the trouble, went ashore, conferred with Ensenada officials and succeeded in having the men and vessel released, Seaberg said.

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